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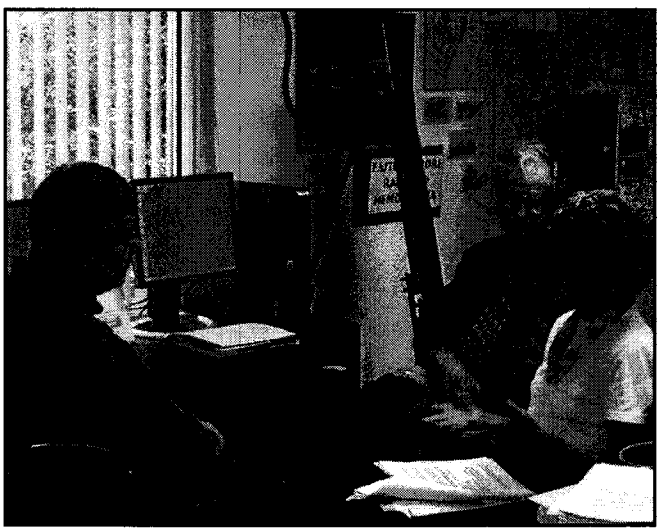
Long Manuscript Requires Funding

Thousands upon thousands of persons descend from Samuel Long (c.1645-1695), father of 11 children, eight of whom had issue. Edwin "Jack" Long of Richmond generously donated $2,500 so that the Nabb Research Center could hire graduate student Kathleen Fichtel to work with volunteer Polly Batchelder on the late Dr. Matthew M. Wise's lengthy manuscript chronicling the Long family of the Delmarva Peninsula. Wise spent some 25 years researching the family, and at his death, his widow Nancy donated the unfinished manuscript and notes to the Nabb Research Center. Mrs. Batchelder has been editing the manuscript for several years.

Fichtel had typed and formatted about half of the material that will go into the finished monograph when we exhausted the funds. It would be ideal if Fichtel were the individual to complete the project since she did the formatting and understands the numbering system: there would be no learning curve.

Any donations toward this project of getting the Wise manuscript typed are greatly appreciated. It may be years before we have "extra" money in our budget for a project such as this. We only need $2,500 for this next phase. Please help if you can. With funding, we may be able to announce publication by this time next year!



Dr. G. Ray Thompson, Betty Murrell being interviewed by the Daily Times *news reporter Brice Stump about the first ferry in Wicomico County; research for the article was conducted at the Nabb.*

Hear Ye!

The journal-sized issues of *Shoreline* will be published in June and December 2007 rather than March and September, due to staffing issues.

Reminder!

If your annual membership expired December 2006, the time has come to renew! Please contact the Nabb Center today about your 2007 membership—410-543-6312. Thanks to all who have sent their membership donation for 2006. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Happy New Year!

Closings!
The Nabb Research Center is closed January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"We're History...Without You"

We're History . . . For the 25th Year!

Back in 1981, SU History Department professors Sylvia Bradley and G. Ray Thompson conceived the idea of having an archive which gathered original historical materials not just from Maryland but from Virginia and Delaware as well. A regional historical research center: What a novel idea! There were no others in the U.S. at that time nor for at least a decade later. From a file drawer in Mrs. Bradley's office, the research center has grown over the years into 6,000 feet of operational space today. By 1995, the board of directors of the fledgling archives hired Director Becky Miller. In 1997, the William E. Donner Foundation created an endowment in the memory of Wilcomb E. Washburn, Ph.D. The following year, Dorchester County attorney and philanthropist Edward H. Nabb established a $500,000 endowment to support the mission of the center and the research facility became the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University.

Spring 2007 – 25th Anniversary Year

February 15 - Black History Month Lecture: "Blacks on the Eastern Shore and the Underground Railroad" with Dr. Clara Small

March 15 - Women's History Month Lecture: "Southern Women in History" with Dr. Sarah Case

April - Jamestown Exhibit

April 11 - Wilcomb E. Washburn Distinguished Lecture: "A Land as God Made It: Jamestown and the Birth of America" with Dr. James Horn, O'Neill Director of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

April 28 - Maryland Archaeology Month Lecture: "Recent Developments in Delmarva Archaeology" with Dr. Elizabeth Ragan